

**AMENDMENTS****Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 3 line 15 please amend the paragraph as indicated.

Inter-program module messages contain two kinds of data, control data and message data. Depending on the network protocol, there may be one or more layers of control data. The control data instructs the network hardware how and where to transmit the message. The message data is the information the sending computer intended to transmit. Some protocols, such as Open Transaction Message Manager Access ("OTMA"), provide a portion of the control data which either program module may use to identify messages.

On page 6 line 9 please amend the paragraph as indicated.

One premise generally relied on when using network protocols is that for each client request made of the server there will be a corresponding response sent to the client. Even if the response to the client is that the server experienced an error or could not service the request, the client expects at least some response message. Similarly the server anticipates that the client expects a response and makes arrangements to provide one. A protocol for use with the present invention, Open Transaction Message Manager Access ("OTMA"), also relies on this premise. Response messages are stored in a data structure until the server is capable of sending them. Suitable data structures include, queues, linked lists, and the like.